

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 14-17, 22-26 and 31-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Safai et al. (U.S. Patent 6,167,469) in view of Zehr et al (U.S. 2001/0025274).

By this amendment the three independent claims 1, 14, and 22 have been amended to more clearly set forth the invention. Dependent claims have also been amended to be consistent with the amendments to their base claim. Claims 31, 32 and 33 have been cancelled.

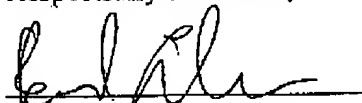
Claim 1 is believed to be representative of the independent claims now in this application. As amended Claim 1 now specifies that there are a plurality of remote printing locations which can produce different photo products. The Examiner's attention is called to the publication of this application, Application Publication Number 2002/0186402 A1, Fig. 8 and paragraph 41, which states that "different printing locations may produce different photo products". The specification then goes on to support the amendment to claim 1 and the other independent claims which uses the selected printing location based on the identification of the designee's location and the selected photo product.

The Examiner indicates that Safai et al do not disclose the selection from a plurality of remote printing locations, but indicates that Zehr et al does permit the designation of different remote printing locations. However, neither Safai et al nor Zehr et al provide any discussion, suggestion or motivation for the situation where the different printing locations can produce different photo products. As now amended all of the independent claims require this feature and it is believed that they define unobvious subject matter.

It is believed that these changes now make the claims clear and definite and, if there are any problems with these changes, Applicants' attorney would appreciate a telephone call.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed none of the references, taken singly or in combination, disclose the claimed invention. Accordingly, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, the notice of which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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